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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the subject application, filed concurrently herewith, as indicated below:

IN THE TITLE:

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute the following new title:

--METHOD FOR VERIFYING A SIGNATURE OR AN AUTHENTICATION--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the title and before the first paragraph on page 1, insert the following heading at the left-hand margin:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--;